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SUBJECT: PROPOSED IAEA CONSULTANTS MEETING ON OBJECTIVES
OF SAFEGUARDS IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES

1. AT REQUEST OF DIRGEN EKLUND, HIS STAFF HAS INQUIRED
AS TO WHETHER OR NOT U.S. WOULD HAVE PROBLEM IF HE GOES
AHEAD WITH PLANS TO CONVENE A GROUP OF EXPERTS LATER THIS
YEAR, POSSIBLY IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER, TO ADVISE DIRGEN
RE OBJECTIVES OF SAFEGUARDS IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES AND
EXTENT TO WHICH CIVIL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE IN SUCH STATES
SHOULD BE COVERED, KEEPING IN MIND SAFEGUARDS GOALS AND
FINANCIAL AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS. GROUP ALSO WOULD BE
ASKED TO ADVISE ON CRITERIA FOR SELECTING FACILITIES AND
MATERIAL TO BE SAFEGUARDED, APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES FOR
IMPLEMENTATION AND TIME SCALE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFE-
GUARDS OFFERS IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES, AND ON SAFEGUARDS
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CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED, INCLUDING QUESTION OF HANDLING OF
INFORMATION FROM FACILITIES IN SUCH STATES NOT DESIGNATED
FOR SAFEGUARDS INSPECTIONS. DIRGEN'S TENTATIVE THINKING
IS TO INVITE EXPERTS FROM SUCH COUNTRIES AS FRG, ITALY,
JAPAN, EGYPT, ARGENTINA, AND SWEDEN. CANADA AND POLAND
WERE MENTIONED AS OTHER POSSIBILITIES. DIRGEN ORIGINALLY
WAS THINKING IN TERMS OF NOT RPT NOT INVITING EXPERTS

FROM COUNTRIES DIRECTLY AFFECTED, I.E., U.S., UK AND FRANCE, BUT IN VIEW OF BROADENED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE MEETING, AND STRONG LIKELIHOOD THAT USSR WOULD INSIST ON PARTICIPATING, HE IS NOW LEANING TOWARD INCLUSION OF U.S., UK AND FRANCE. FYI. SOVIETS HAVE RAISED QUESTIONS BOTH AT FEBRUARY AND JUNE BG MEETINGS ON THIS GENERAL SUBJECT. END FYI.

2. DIRGEN EKLUND IS SENSITIVE TO FACT THAT AGREEMENT FOR U.S./IAEA VOLUNTARY SAFEGUARDS OFFER HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO U.S. SENATE FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT AND DOES NOT RPT NOT WISH TO TAKE ANY STEPS WHICH MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT THAT PROCESS. THIS IS THE BASIS FOR THE DIRGEN'S REQUEST TO SEEK U.S. VIEWS ON WHETHER OR NOT RPT NOT SUCH A MEETING MIGHT BE HELD.

3. DIRGEN LEAVES ON VACATION JUNE 28, AND AGENCY WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE BEFORE THAT DATE. PLEASE ADVISE. KIRK

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